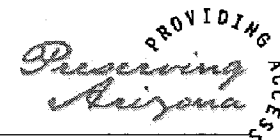


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ELECTRONIC REFERENCE SERVICE LEXIS-NEXIS® CONGRESSIONAL

OVERVIEW

As part of its online services to the Arizona Legislature, the State Library offers access to the Lexis-Nexis® Congressional database. Legislators and legislative staff can access the service **from any Internet accessible computer in the Legislature** or at the Law and Research Library on the 3rd floor of the 1938 Capitol addition. The flat-fee contract covers all usage so feel free to explore the resources available. This database includes access to:

• Federal Laws and Legislative History

- ◊ Congressional Information Service (CIS) Legislative Histories (1970 –)
- ◊ **full text** of the *Congressional Record* (CR) (1985 – current)
- ◊ **full text** of Public Laws (1988 – current, added 2 weeks after law is passed)
- ◊ **full text** of the *United States Code* (USC) (current, updated monthly)
- ◊ **full text** of federal bills and legislative bill tracking (1989 – current, updated daily)
- ◊ Congressional committee assignments, voting records, and campaign contributions

NOTE: Some Congressional publications are also on the web at: <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/databases.html> or at <http://thomas.loc.gov/>

• Federal Regulatory Information

- ◊ **full text** of the *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) (current, updated every two weeks)
 - ◊ may be searched by *United States Code* (USC) citation
- ◊ **full text** of the *Federal Register* (FR) (1980 – current, updated daily)
 - ◊ may be searched by *Code of Federal Regulations* (CFR) citation

NOTE: Current regulations are also online at <http://ecfr.gpoaccess.gov/> or those from 1996 on can be found at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/cfr/index.html> and the *Federal Register* from 1994 on can be found at <http://www.gpoaccess.gov/fr/index.html>

• Congressional News

- ◊ publications and articles about issues in Congress

NOTE: This includes the **full text** of Washington, DC newspapers: *The Hill* (1995 -), *Roll Call* (1989 -), and Section A of *The Washington Post* (1977 -).

• Political and Biographical Information

- ◊ Member profiles
- ◊ Voting records
- ◊ Campaign finance reports

ACCESS

IP access from any Internet accessible computer in a Legislative building:

1. Go to **Online Resources** page: <http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/>
2. Locate **Lexis-Nexis® Congressional**
3. Select Access at the **Legislature** or: <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/>

IP access from Law and Research Library computers:

1. Go to **Online Resources** page: <http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/>
2. Locate **Lexis-Nexis® Congressional**
3. Select Access at the **State Library** or: <http://web.lexis-nexis.com/congcomp/>

REMOTE access with a State Library Card (for State of Arizona officials and staff):

1. Go to **Online Resources** page (above) or: <http://www.lib.az.us/is/databases/>
2. Locate **Lexis-Nexis® Congressional**
3. Select: remote access w/ **State Library Card** or: <http://www.lib.az.us/LibraryCard/>

BILL SEARCH (full text 1989 –)

Select **Legislative Histories, Bills & Laws** from the **Congressional Search Forms** menu on the left.

On the **Keyword Search** form, select the **Bills (Full Text)** option. Then, in the **Enter search terms** box, enter keywords, a phrase or Boolean search. For example:



Keywords: enter: *prescription drug benefit!*


NOTE: the exclamation point replaces one or more letters at the end of a word so that the system will search for the truncated word with any ending, e.g., benefits, etc.

Phrase: enter: *"Rural Water Supply Act"*

Boolean search: enter: *((Federal Trade Commission) OR FTC) AND (do not call)*


You may limit your search by using ☐ to select a Congressional session or year in the **Restrict by Congress** menu.

Select the  **Search** button to see a results list. If you have a long list, you can reduce the number of hits by putting in more keywords in the **FOCUS™** box at the top of the results screen and then selecting .

From the resulting bills, select one you would like to view. If you would like to print out the selected bill, select  in the top

right of the document. Select  **Continue** from the **Format for Print** screen. Select **Print** from the browser's **File** menu.

Select **Return to Full** at the top of the document screen to return to the previous format. From there, you may link to the **Bill Tracking Report**, **Edit your Search**, or choose **Result List** to view other bills which were found.

You can also email the bills of your choice or a list of citations. Just choose  near the top left of the document.

Select the **Retrieve Bill Tracking Report** link near the top of a document if you want to see a bill's status, sponsors and other information.


You may select **Home** in the top right menu to search another part of the **Congressional** database.

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY (1988 –)

Select **Legislative Histories, Bills & Laws** from the **Congressional Search Forms** menu on the left.

On the **Keyword Search** form, select the **Public Laws** option. Then, in the **Enter search terms** box, enter the NUMBERS ONLY of a Public Law. For example:

Public Law: enter: *106-133*

Select the  **Search** button to see a **Result List**. Select the linked law from the **Result List** to see the **Full Document** then select the linked CIS LEGIS. HISTORY DOCUMENT. You may print or email the document or follow linked documents to see more detail.

CONGRESSIONAL PUBLICATIONS (Dates vary)

From the **Congressional Search Forms** menu on the left, under **Congressional Publications** select the **Advanced Search** link. Enter keywords or phrases in the **Enter search terms** boxes and, as necessary, limit the search to a date range or Congressional session. For example:

First search term box: enter: *"Luke Air Force Base"*

use ☐ to select **all fields INCLUDING full text** from the pull down menu.

Second search term box: enter: *reauthoriz!*

use ☐ to select **all fields INCLUDING full text** from the pull down menu.

In the **Restrict by** section use ☐ to select **Previous 5 years** from the **Date** options.

Select the  **Search** button to see a **Result List**.

MEMBERS AND COMMITTEES SEARCH

Select **Members & Committees** from the **Congressional Search Forms** menu on the left. On the **Committees** form, use ☐ to select a **Chamber** from the **Select a committee type** section and enter a **Committee Name** to see the current Committee members. For example:

Chamber: Use ☐ to select **House committees**.

Name: enter: *Resources*

Select the  **Search** button to see a **Result List**.

Select the COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP PROFILE REPORT for the **Subcommittee on Water and Power** to see if there are any members from Arizona on the Subcommittee.

EXERCISE

Use the **Congressional Publications Advanced Search** form to find publications from any available date which have the words **Yuma, Arizona, and Refinery** within five (5) words of each other in any field of the publication record, including full text.